CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: dogm.mpeg

Other known title(s): dog m

OFLC ref: 0900819.000

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Unidentified language

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 20 October 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	dogm.mpeg	0:45
Total running time:		0:45

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer moving image file promotes and supports bestiality and is deemed to be objectionable. The file consists of a video clip depicting sexual acts involving two women and a male dog. The main purpose of the publication is the sexual titillation and arousal of viewers. The depiction of bestiality as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround the act and encourages experimentation with similar acts by making bestiality seem both possible and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.